

REENACTING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A DAM AND DIKE FOR PREVENTING THE FLOW OF TIDAL
WATERS INTO NORTH SLOUGH IN COOS COUNTY, OREG.

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Mrs. CARAWAY, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 3145]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3145) to revive and reenact section 9 of an act entitled "An act authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved August 26, 1937, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill has the approval of the War Department as will appear by the letter of the Secretary of War as contained in the House report which follows, and which is made a part of this report:

[H. Rept. No. 707, 78th Cong., 1st sess.]

The Committee on Rivers and Harbors, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3145) authorizing the construction of a dam and dike for preventing the flow of tidal waters in the North Slough in Coos County for the purpose of reclaiming land for farming, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following: "That section 9 of the Act approved August 26, 1937 (heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved July 2, 1940, and September 22, 1941) authorizing the State of Oregon, acting through its highway department, the North Slough Drainage District, and the North Slough Diking District, to construct, maintain, and operate a dam and dike for preventing the flow of tidal waters into North Slough in Coos County, Oregon, in township 24 south, range 13 west, Willamette meridian, be and is hereby revived and reenacted: *Provided*, That this authority shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the dam and dike herein referred to be commenced within five years and completed within eight years from the date of approval hereof.

"Sec. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved."

Amend the title by striking the matter contained and inserting in lieu thereof: "A bill to revive and reenact Section 9 of an Act entitled 'An Act authorizing the

construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes,' approved August 26, 1937."

This bill, as amended, to which the War Department has no objection, further extends, for a period of 5 and 8 years, respectively, the times for commencing and completing the construction of a dam and dike for preventing the flow of tidal water in North Slough, in Coos County, Oreg., authorized by an act of Congress approved August 26, 1937, to be constructed by the State of Oregon, acting through its highway department, the North Slough drainage district, and the North Slough diking district.

Prior extensions were granted by acts of Congress approved July 2, 1940, and September 22, 1941.

The letter of the Secretary of War regarding this bill is as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT, *August 13, 1943.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman, Committee on Rivers and Harbors, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this Department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (H. R. 3145, 78th Cong. 1st sess.) authorizing the construction of a dam and dike for preventing the flow of tidal waters in the North Slough in Coos County for the purpose of reclaiming land for farming. However, it is believed that the revised draft herewith will better accomplish the desired purpose.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

HENRY L. STIMSON, *Secretary of War.*

The provision of the act of Congress approved August 26, 1937, which is reenacted by this bill is as follows:

"[Public No. 392, 75th Cong.]

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"SEC. 9. That authority is hereby granted to the State of Oregon, acting through its highway department, to the North Slough Drainage District, and to the North Slough Diking District, organized under the laws of the State of Oregon, to construct, maintain, and operate, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, a dam and dike for preventing the flow of tidal waters into North Slough in Coos County, Oregon, in township 24 south, range 13 west, Willamette meridian.

"Work shall not be commenced on such dam and dike until the plans therefor, including plans for all accessory works, are submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War, who may impose such conditions and stipulations as they deem necessary to protect the interests of the United States.

"The authority granted by this Act shall terminate if the actual construction of the dam and dike hereby authorized is not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of the passage of this Act. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this section is hereby expressly reserved."

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